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Tintin Comics Tour to Hergé Museum from Brussels

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Break away

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THE HERGÉ MUSEUM!

The Musée Hergé, or Hergé Museum, is a museum in Belgium dedicated to the life and work of the Belgian cartoonist Georges Remi, who wrote under the pen name Hergé, creator of the series of comic albums, The ALocated in: UCLouvain

Address: Rue du Labrador 26, 1348 Ottignies-Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium

Hours:

Saturday 10:30am–6pm

Sunday 10:30am–6pm

Monday Closed

Tuesday 10:30am–5:30pm

Wednesday 10:30am–5:30pm

Thursday

(Ascension Day)

10:30am–5:30pm

Hours might differ

Friday 10:30am–5:30pm

Suggest new hours

Louvain-la-Neuve

The museum is located in the town of Louvain-la-Neuve in Wallonia to the south of Brussels at the address, "Rue Labrador 26", Tintin's first home in the books. It was designed by the French architect Christian de Portzamparc, with interiors designed by cartoonist Joost Swarte.

How do you get to Tintin museum?

Visitors are invited to book their visit by contacting the Museum via email resa@museeherge.com, telephone +32 (0)10 48 84 13 or via the booking platform below. Entrance fees are paid on arrival on the day of the visit. When reserving online, details of time hasn't had any effect on Hergé, Tintin or the Museum dedicated to them. Many things have happened since the debut of Tintin in 1929, including the creation of this magnificent museum, which opened to the public on May 22, 2009. Since then, this building designed by the great French architect Christian de Portzamparc, has watched over Hergé's work and allowed it to be seen by the general public. Our Visa/ Mastercard will only be used as a guarantee.

We welcome you every first Sunday of the month for free entrance to the Hergé Museum!

No visit to the museum is complete without a little browsing for the perfect souvenir! The Hergé Museum has its own shop, where you will be able to find just the right memento for yourself, or a gift for somebody special.

de Balle

Since 1873, the Place du Jeu de Balle has been home to numerous second-hand and antique dealers. More than 500 stalls take over the “Old Market" every day, offering professionals and amateurs alike a multitude of treasures. At the beginning of The Secret of the Unicorn, Tintin goes to the flea market and discovers the model of The Unicorn ship, container of so many mysteries.

Musée Art & Histoire, (Art and History Museum)

At the Musée Art & Histoire, you will see the mummy that inspired Rascar Capac's mummy in The Seven Crystal Balls and the Arumbaya fetish from The Broken Ear.

Monnaie

La The Théâtre Royal de la Monnaie inspired Hergé in 1948. The interior design of the opera house appears in The Seven Crystal Balls. This was also inspired by the Théâtre des Galeries and the Théâtre du Pa

Villa Avenue Delleur

This house inspired Hergé to draw Professor Tarragon’s residence in The Seven Crystal Balls.

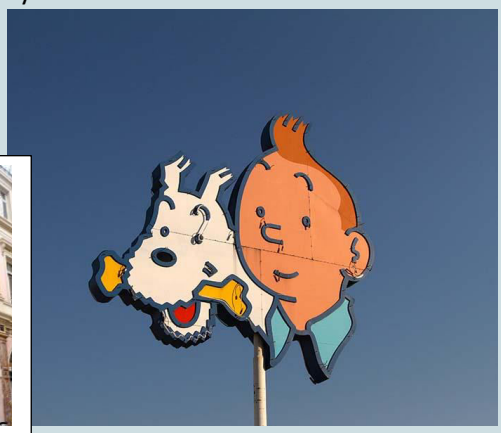
Quick and Flupke fresco

It is in the gags of these two mischievous urchins that we find the deep traces of Hergé's youth in Brussels.

An amusing detail is that Quick and Flupke appear in one vignette in Tintin in the Congo and another one in The Shooting Star.

Les Éditions du Lombard (Le Lombard)

Just outside the Gare du Midi, you will find the "Tintin building" of Le Lombard Publishing House, which published Tintin magazine for many years, and which is now a listed building. The sign featuring the busts of Tintin and Snowy on top of the Lombard building was installed in 1958 and is now one of the most famous symbols of Brussels.



Saint-Hubert Galleries

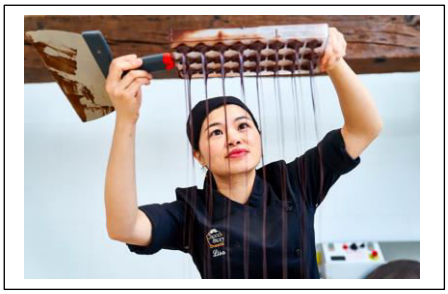
In 1941, the Théâtre Royal des Galeries staged the premiere of Tintin in the India, also known as The Mystery of the Blue Diamond (a play which featured some of the characters created by Hergé, in an unpublished story). It was also in front of this theatre that Hergé met Edgar-Pierre Jacobs, the creator of Blake and Mortimer.

1. *The Belgian Comic Strip Center*

The Smurfs and Tintin are just a few of the beloved Belgian cartoon characters which are on display at this colorful museum. Located inside a beautiful Victor Horta Art Nouveau building, the Belgian Comic Strip Center highlights the history of illustrated storytelling; from cave paintings and tapestries to political cartoons and comic books. Visitors can discover original drawings of famous characters, have their photo taken with Tintin and Asterix, and browse the encyclopedic collection of comics for sale in the Slumberland gift shop. And if they get hungry, they can always stop for a bite to eat at the restaurant on the ground floor.

2. *Belgian Brewers Museum*

No list of museums in Brussels would be complete without mentioning Belgium's favorite beverage – beer. Located right in the heart of Brussels on the Grote Markt, the Belgian Brewers Museum is a fantastic place to visit if you appreciate a good brew. Visitors can take a glimpse at days gone by and see how beer was made in an 18-century brewery. Various implements, brewing and fermentation tubs, and other materials can be found on display here. Inside the museum's cozy café, guests will also discover old tankards, antique porcelain, and other objects found in traditional inns. Of course, no visit to a brewery would be complete without sipping on a nice, cold beer. And thankfully, the Belgian brewers will gladly offer visitors a glass of delicious brew at the end of their visit.



3. *Choco-Story Brussels*

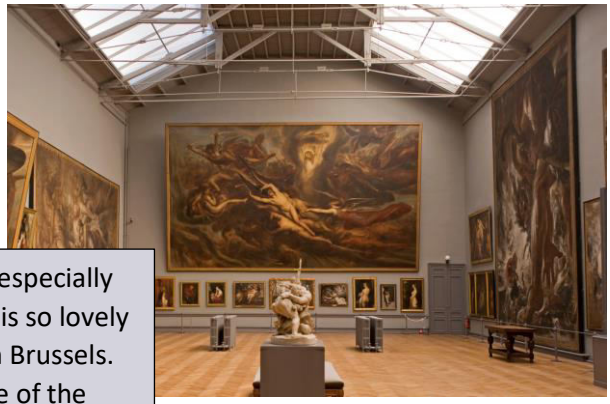
Calling all chocolate lovers! If you have a serious sweet-tooth, a visit to this mouth-watering museum is a definite must. Belgium is famous for its delicious chocolate and visitors to Choco-Story can gain a glimpse into its history. The museum invites guests to travel back in time and discover the origin of chocolate and how it came to be loved around the world today. The tour begins by sharing the history of the Aztecs and Mayans who cultivated cocoa trees thousands of years ago. Through posters, videos, and explanatory panels, chocolate lovers can then learn about how it is made today. Along the way, they can also watch a master chocolate maker make pralines by hand and discover numerous sculptures made entirely out of chocolate. But

don't worry, you will get to sample the good stuff too during tasting sessions and one-hour workshops. Read our guide to Belgian chocolate.

4.*Royal Museums of Fine Arts of Belgium*

Located within a magnificent neo-classical building in the heart of Brussels, the Royal Museums of Fine Arts is considered to be one of the greatest museums in the city. It actually consists of four main museums; the Museum of Ancient Art, the Museum of Modern Art, the Constantin Meunier Museum, and the Antoine Wiertz Museum. Within the building's walls, visitors can discover over 20,000 drawings, sculptures, and paintings that date back from the early 15th century to the present day. Among the collection are a number of masterpieces by Peter Bruegel; as well as works by other Belgian masters including Paul Rubens, Henry Moore, René Magritte, and many more.

Le Petit Vingtieme



Musical Instruments Museum Although I'm not especially interested in musical instruments, this museum is so lovely that it definitely made it to the best museums in Brussels. It's located in a former Old England building, one of the city's most beautiful Art Nouveau edifices.

Founded in 1877, the museum collection is displayed on four floors. The visitors can see some of the oldest musical instruments from Prehistory, a great collection of instruments from India, China and Africa. You can also enjoy discovering the development of musical instruments throughout history.

↳ TIP: The restaurant on its top floor offers one of the best views of Brussels. So, be sure to have lunch in it during your visit to this lovely museum in Brussels.